



Frauds, Forgeries, and Fake News Collection

This collection showcases fabricated documents and stories throughout history, and the diversity of purposes and contexts they were deployed in.

- * Fabricated anti-Catholic eye-witness account of the horrors of life in a convent
- * Forged imperial decree of a perpetual transfer of authority over the western part of the Roman Empire to the Pope
- * Fanciful description of Formosa (Taiwan)
- * Description of plants, animals, and humanoids living on the moon (The Great Moon Hoax)
- * Legend of Sebastian of Portugal, the "Hidden King"
- * Story of Franz Mesmer, the purveyor of "animal magnetism"
- * Painstakingly written and illustrated description of a village that never existed
- * Traditional epic cycle poetry supposedly translated from Scottish Gaelic
- * Relation of a postage stamp hoax
- * Glowing but false account of the Central American coast

Read by volunteer readers. 10 Tracks. Total Duration: 03:39:35

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